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## BOOK NOTICES

**The Beginnings of the Church.** By Ernest F. Scott. New York: Scribner, 1914. Pp. 282. \$1.50 net.

Ten lectures delivered by Professor Scott at Union Theological Seminary on the Ely Foundation in the winter of 1914 constitute this volume. They deal with the most difficult questions of Christian origins: the origin of the church, the gift of the Spirit, Jesus as Lord, baptism, the Lord's Supper, etc. The discussions of these matters are intelligent, critical, sympathetic, and illuminating in a high degree. Professor Scott's work bears especially upon the obscure interval between the death of Jesus and the letters of Paul. The extent and character of Paul's indebtedness to the earlier Christian group and the relation of the early church to the mystery cults are treated with balance and discrimination. Professor Scott is one from whom we have learned to expect much, and this admirable presentation of the best modern opinion on the beginnings of the church fully meets our expectations.

**Die Oden Salomos, ueberarbeitet oder einheitlich?** Mit 2 Beilagen: I. Bibliographie der Oden Salomos. II. Syrische Konkordanz der Oden Salomos. By Gerhard Kittel. (Beitraege zur Wissenschaft vom Alten Testament, Heft 16.) Leipzig: Hinrichs, 1914. Pp. 180.

Kittel first discusses the stylistic homogeneity of the Odes, and then takes them up one at a time from the point of view of the interpolations which several critics have found in them, showing that these may generally be better understood as original parts of the ode in which they stand. His work is systematic and candid and his conclusion has much to commend it. The classified bibliography of 165 books, articles, and reviews which have already been called out by the Odes is very valuable, and there is a useful Syriac concordance or rather index of all the words of any importance occurring in the Odes.

**The Gospel according to St. Luke.** The Greek Text Edited with Introduction and Notes for the Use of Schools. By W. F. Burnside. Cambridge: University Press, 1913. Pp. 272. 3s. net.

The Cambridge Greek Testament for schools represents an interesting effort to adapt the Greek Testament to school use. To that end much sound learning and good pedagogical feeling have been wrought into this volume on

Luke. There is an introduction, and the text of Westcott-Hort is then printed, divided into what Mr. Burnside thinks its principal divisions. This is followed by copious notes—linguistic, historical, and exegetical. The difficulties attaching to Luke's chronological statements might have been more boldly dealt with, and the infancy narratives are taken somewhat too literally. At some points the treatment is conventional rather than historical. The work is carefully and painstakingly done, though there are several inaccuracies in the Greek index (cols. 3, 5, 6, 7).

**St. Paul and Christianity.** By A. C. Headlam. New York: Longmans, Green & Co., 1913. Pp. xiv+214. \$1.25.

A sound, scholarly treatment of the theology of St. Paul by the professor of dogmatic theology in King's College, London. The author knows the literature of the subject and the modern problems and maintains the conservative position. For him the Atonement is the central fact in the theology of St. Paul. Paul was and remained a Jew. There was little influence of Greek thought upon him.

**The Offices of Baptism and Confirmation.** By F. Thompson. (In the Cambridge Liturgical Handbooks.) New York: Putnam, 1914. Pp. x+253. \$2.00.

This volume studies in detail the offices of Baptism and Confirmation in the different liturgies of the Catholic church. The practices of lay-baptism and of immersion and affusion are examined carefully. In connection with the mode of baptism, the archaeological evidence, unknown of old controversists, is taken into consideration. There is of course no controversy in this book but an exposition of facts. The author is a priest of the Anglican church.

**The Book of Genesis.** By H. E. Ryle. (In the Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges.) Cambridge (England): University Press; New York: Putnam, 1914. Pp. lxviii+477. \$1.50.

This is a welcome addition to this series. Dean Ryle has a sound judgment and is well informed. He does not adopt any rash theory, whether it be advanced or conservative, and for this reason this volume will remain a good textbook for several years to come. The parallels from Babylonian and Egyptian documents are accurate. Perhaps it would have been better if the author had not reproduced, facing